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USSR COAL INDUSTRY CONTINUES PROGRESS; COAL ENTERPRISES RECEIVE AWARDS

During 10 months of 1950, the USSR coal output exceeded the prewar level 57 percent and was 6 percent more than provided for in the Five-Year Plan. The Donbass is producing considerably more coel than before the war and more than called for in the Five-Year Plan. It has again become the largest and most highly mechanized coal basin in the USSR. The number of coal combines operating in Donbass mines was twice as great in 1949 as in 1948, including Stalino Oblast mines where the number was five times as great. In some mines of this oblast coal is mined exclusively by combines.(1)

The Moskvougol' Combine fulfilled its. 1950 obligations ahead of schedule. (2) Fifteen of its mines are already working on their 1951 quotas (3) and hundreds of trainloads of above-plan coal have been delivered.(2) Workers of Mine No 22 of the Stalinogorskugol. Trust have had great success in increasing the mine's output and the technical and economic indexes of this outstanding enterprise have steadily improved. Since the beginning of the postwar Five-Year Plan, the capacity of the mine has become $2\frac{1}{2}$ times as great as it was, the average daily coal output has almost tripled, and labor productivity has doubled. Every miner in the mine is fulfilling his norm except newcomers who have not yet fully mastered mining.(4) The first trust in the Tulaugol' Combine to complete the year program was the Krasnogvardeyskugol' Trust which achieved this distinction on 7 December. (5)

The L'vovugol' Trust completed the year plan for coal extraction by β December. In 11 months the trust had produced almost twice as much lignite as during all of 1949.(6)

In the Kuzbass, many mines have already completed their year quotas, including Mazurovskaya, Zenkovskiye Uklony, Tyrganskiye Uklony, Surtaikha; Redakovo Yuzhnaya and Abashevskaya-I mines.(7) Coal extraction in the Surtaikha Mine has increased hundreds of tons per day over 1949.(8) Miners of the Anzhero-Sudzhensk Mine completed the 11-month plan 2 weeks shead of schedule and decided to complete the year plan by 17 December. (7)

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The Karaganda Basin is continuing to increase mechanized mining. In December 1949, coal loading was only 8.6 percent mechanized in the basin but at present this figure has risen to 30 percent and mechanized coal mining is carried out at all coal seams where mining is in progress. By the end of 1950, approximately 60 percent of mine faces are to be converted to mechanized mining, with machines loading more than half the coal mined.(9) In spite of the severe cold, the Molotovugol' Trust of the basin has increased its daily coal output and shipped several trainloads of coal above the plan. Mines No 41/54 and No 104 delivered the last tons on their 1950 quotas the day before Stalin Constitution Day. The mines imeni Zhdanov, No 33/34, and No 50/52 shipped four or five trainloads of above-plan coal in honor of Constitution Day.(10)

Workers of the Lengerugol' Trust in South Kazakhstan Oblast completed the year plan ahead of schedule. (11)

The Sredazugol' Combine shows some signs of progress. Angren Mine No 2-bis of the Uzbekugol' Trust completed the year plan ahead of schedule (12) and is already delivering the last tons of coal on the 1951 recond-quarter quota.(13) Miners of Mine No 4--4-bis of the Kyzylkiyaugol' Trust exceeded the 10-month plan and delivered thousands of tons of above-plan coal to the country.(14)

In the Cheremkovo Basin, miners of section No 1 of Mine No 3 have delivered several thousand tons of above-plan coal since the beginning of the year and are exceeding their quota daily.(15)

Miners of the Suchanugol' Trust of the Primorskugol' Combine completed the Five-Year Plan for level of production 2 years ahead of schedule and they have already achieved the prewar level for labor productivity in underground work. By 15 October, four mines in the trust had completed the 10-month plan. (16)

In Sakhalin all mines of the 'leksandrovugol' Trust and more than half of the mines of the Uglegorskugol' Trust are working on their 1951 quotas.(17) Mine No 15 of the Uglegorskugol' Trust has delivered thousands of tons of coal above the year plan.(18) Mine No 4 of the Kholmskugol' Trust has sharply increased its output. Thanks to improved technology and the conversion to the cycle work schedule, 50 percent more coal is being produced than in January and the average daily advance of the mine face is 63 percent higher.(17)

Transferable Red Banners of the Council of Ministers USSR were retained by and first prizes awarded to the following coal enterprises for excellent performance during the third quarter of 1950: the Tulaugol' Combine; the Nesvetayantratsit, Skuratovugol', and Kuzbansuglerazvedka trusts; Mine No 5 of the Nesvetayantratsit Trust, Mine No 40 of the Krasnoarmeyskugol' Trust of the Artemugol' Combine, Mine No 9/15 of the Anzherougol' Trust, Mine No 3 of the Kaganovichugol' Trust, Mine imeni Rumyantsev of the Kalininugol' Trust of the Artemugol' Combine, and the Kharkov "Svet Shakhtera" Plant of the Main Administration of Coal Mining Machinery.

Transferable Red Banners and first prizes were awarded to the following coal enterprises: the Stalinugol' Trust of the Kuzbassugol' Combine, the Semenovskuglestroy Trust, the Mineimeni Stalin of the Stalinugol' Trust of the Kuzbass Combine, the Mineimeni Voroshilov of the Dzerzhinskugol' Trust of the Artemugol' Combine, and the Pervomaysk Construction Administration of the Voroshilovgradshakhtovosstanovleniye (Voroshilovgrad Mine Restoration) Trust.

Transferable Red Banners of the VTsSPS and the Ministry of the Coal Industry were retained by and first prizes awarded to the following coal enterprises: Chelyabinskugol' Combine, Anzherougol' Trust, Kirovugol' Trust of the Vostsibugol' Combine, Mine imeni Petrovskiy of the Shakhtantratsit Trust, Mine No 2 of the Lengerugol' Trust, Mine No 201 of the Kopeyskugol' Trust, Mine No 19-20 of the Krasnoarmeyskugol' Trust of the Artemugol' Combine, Mine imeni OGPU of the Nesvetayantratsit Trust, Mine No 3-ts of the Artemugol' Trust, Nikanor Mine of the Voroshilovugol' Trust, and Pit No 4/5 of the Karagandauglerazrez Trust.

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